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DON'T FORGET THE BOOKS

GENIUS

BELLOWS FALLS NEWS

Mrs. Fred Underwood of Wardsboro visited the family of her husband's brother, George Underwood, Monday and Tuesday.

The village schools closed Wednesday at noon, to remain closed until Monday morning on account of Thanksgiving.

The Woman's club cleared about \$125 from the rummage sale held in the Edward Arms building last week. The sum will be applied to the district nurse fund.

The third annual bazaar of the senior class of the high school is in progress in Assembly hall and will be completed this evening. Committees of arrangements are from each of the four classes.

The musical comedy, "Comin' Thro' the Rye," will be the attraction at the opera house next Thursday evening under the management of J. E. Bromahan.

The well-known residence of George K. Russell on the north side of School street is advertised by Sheriff A. H. Thompson to be sold at auction Jan. 24, to satisfy an execution to Sanford Hanson of Somerville, Mass.

James Carruthers and his son of Rutland have sold the business of the moving picture theatre at the foot of the School street stairs to Bernard Kelsey of Springfield. The Carruthers have another theatre in Lowell, Mass.

An effort is being made by Principal A. E. Tuttle to raise a fund to buy a silver cup to be offered in an athletic competition among the four classes of the high school. The funds are to come largely from the alumni of the school.

C. Herbert Osgood, who for a number of years has held an important position in the Filene and Gilchrist stores in Boston, has recently taken the management of the Worcester branch of the well-known Plummer store of Boston.

Mortimer Welch, a section hand upon the Rutland railroad, filed a petition in insolvency Saturday in the office of the district court at Burlington. His statement showed liabilities of \$315.54 and assets of \$149.12, of which \$85 is claimed as exempt.

The union Thanksgiving service was held yesterday morning at 10.30 in the Universalist church, the new pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. John Ward Howe, preaching the sermon, with the other pastors of the village taking part in the service.

Miss Hazel P. Hart, daughter of Orrin W. Hart of George street, was married Saturday to Louis H. Lord, a locomotive fireman between Boston and Greenfield. The ceremony was performed in Keene by Rev. T. E. Cramer. The couple will live in Boston.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Woman's club was held in Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday afternoon, a lecture on "The Health of our School Children" being given by Mrs. Nellie Conine Whitaker of Salem, Mass., under the auspices of the educational department.

Superintendent Drowne of the Milford, N. H., schools and Mrs. Edward Kirkland addressed the teachers' meeting at the high school building Friday afternoon. Mrs. Kirkland's subject was the stamp savings system among pupils, and Mr. Drowne spoke upon "The Future of that Boy."

A Christmas sale by the Woman's club will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred H. Babbitt on Henry street next Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at which there will be useful and fancy articles, home-made candy and cooked food for the holidays. Afternoon tea is to be served during the hours of the sale.

The telephone company has employed R. B. Gibson during the last two months to collect the rentals each month from

the subscribers to the local exchange, and the position is to be a permanent one. He will visit not only all the village subscribers who may be in arrears, but will go to all the outlying towns and villages and the farmer patrons.

SAXTONS RIVER.

Henry Royce of Windham was in town Monday.

W. R. Day of Alstead, N. H., was a recent visitor in town.

The Saxtons River woolen mill shut down Saturday night for a few days.

Mrs. Lula Rawson returned from the hospital in Burlington last Saturday.

Mrs. Solon Perry went to Boston Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with her son.

Mrs. H. C. Johnson returned from her visit in Milford, N. H., last Saturday night.

Miss Reba Gould of Proctorville is spending a week with her mother, Mrs. May Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson went Tuesday to Worcester to spend Thanksgiving with his sister.

Mrs. Minnie Benton and daughter, Valeria, spent a few days last week in Northampton.

Mrs. Albert Barry and children of Townsend are visiting this week at James Little's.

C. N. Smith and family went Wednesday to Rockingham to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

The Baptist society held its annual meeting Monday evening and elected officers for the coming year.

Curtis Stoodley of Maynard, Mass., came Tuesday to visit his mother, Mrs. Will Stoodley, at C. H. Twichell's.

Frank Tuft of Hartford, Conn., who has been staying at E. P. Tuft's for some time, returned to his work last week.

The Baptist and Congregational churches held union service at the Congregational church Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tenney went Monday to Portsmouth, N. H., to spend Thanksgiving week with their daughter.

Vermont academy practiced basketball Wednesday evening. A game with Troy Conference academy is scheduled for Dec. 7, here.

The graded schools held Thanksgiving exercises Tuesday and Wednesday and closed Wednesday with solid sessions for a Thanksgiving recess until next Tuesday.

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The following committees were chosen to serve in the various departments: Dec. 13, when the annual sale and chicken-pie supper will be held: Supper committee, Mrs. R. P. Atcherson, Mrs. Carrie Nutting, Miss Carrie Hayward; fancy table, Mrs. J. H. Holton, Mrs. C. F. Arnold, Mrs. R. T. Phelps; children's department, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Miss Mary Wright, Mrs. J. F. Ward, Mrs. Rolo Metcalf, confectionery, Florence Nutting, Mrs. Fred Metcalf, Miss Margaret Wright; entertainment, Mrs. G. H. Walker and Mrs. F. L. Lane.

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GRAFTON.

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The Eastman school, Miss Nellie Kingsbury teacher, closed Friday.

Mrs. M. C. Peabody of Chester has been spending several days in town.

Alonso Cummings of Westminster is spending a few days at Mrs. Shelley's.

Mrs. H. C. Shephardson is visiting her son, C. W. Shephardson, in Bellows Falls.

Mrs. George Glasier and daughter of Westmoreland are spending a week at L. L. Parks.

Miss Mavorite Smith, who has been at the Tavern several weeks, went to Brattleboro Friday.

Elbridge Culver is home from Dummer, where he has been at work during the summer months.

Miss Laura Davidson, the nurse who has been caring for Mrs. Holman, returned to Keene Tuesday.

Miss Marguerite Merrifield has been spending a few days with Miss Mae Thompson in Bellows Falls.

Mrs. J. K. Bancroft left this week for Buffalo, N. Y., after spending several weeks with Miss Fannie Hall.

Mrs. Ellen Butterfield of Derby Line, this state, was called here last week by the illness of Mrs. S. B. Holmes.

E. Lynne Walker has been spending a few days in Boston. He attended the Yale-Harvard football game Saturday.

J. B. Barrett, Harvey Hemenway and Stanley Rickett are home from Newport. N. H. The bobbin mill in which they were employed was burned last week, throwing 75 men out of employment.

Mrs. Sarah B. Holmes, widow of Sidney Holmes, died Saturday morning, Nov. 23, after an illness of several weeks.

The funeral, which was held in the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, was conducted by Rev. Walter Cambridge of Southboro, Mass., who was assisted by Rev. B. W. Penneck of the Congregational church. Among those from out of town attending the funeral were Miss Lucy Burgess of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker and Mortimer Davis of Bellows Falls.

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Mrs. Frank Harvey and son, Milford, of Bellows Falls, visited Mrs. Harvey's sister, Mrs. Julietta Buckley, last week.

E. H. Ober returned Tuesday. He had been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Farnum of Westminster, and Mrs. George Reed of Bellows Falls.

Pomona Grange Meeting in Bellows Falls Dec. 7.

Commission merchants in Cincinnati invited to meet with Fall Mountain Grange, Bellows Falls, Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2.30. The afternoon session will be mostly devoted to the election of officers.

In the evening will occur the installation of the newly elected officers. These meetings will be open to the fourth degree members. Refreshments will be served between the sessions.

Commission merchants in Cincinnati and Chicago have bought 24 carloads of apples in Springfield, Gassetta, Windsor and Charlestown and have paid out some \$10,000 to farmers in that section. The largest carload contained 266 barrels and the smallest 120. One farmer sold 240 barrels and had 175 left.

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BUILDING BIG LINERS.

Belfast Builds the Largest Percentage of Magnificent Ocean Giants.

Although Ireland is supposed to be a very poor country, it is a curious fact that in her city of Belfast is built a larger percentage of magnificent ocean liners than anywhere else in the world.

For there is one "yard" in that city turning out with monotonous regularity monsters like the Adriatic of the White Star line. The gross tonnage of this enormous ship is 25,000, and she transports nearly 4,000 souls across the broad Atlantic in less than a week.

Imagine what a hive of industry and machinery must be the place where such colossal ships are born. Think of 14,000 men, assisted by a whole world of thunderous engines, extended over eighty acres, and all at work upon giant skeletons which in a few brief months will be floating the towering hull commands one of the busiest industrial hives of men.

In one year eight of these giants have been launched, and they developed altogether the power of more than 100,000 horses. Most of them have a draught and carrying about 3,000 passengers and a crew of 500 or 600. Glance for a moment at the very latest product, the immense Adriatic, now the largest vessel in the world.

Her length—about 750 feet—exceeds that of two towering skyscrapers placed one on top of the other; and her funnels, being twenty-four feet in diameter, would easily admit a couple of full-sized trolley cars driven abreast throughout their whole length of 155 feet! Passengers taking their morning stroll on deck will understand that a circuit of the ship three and one-half times means covering almost exactly a mile.

As the monster lies on the ways, one obtains an admirable idea of her vastness. It is like looking up at one of the Pyramids; only instead of rising from the very base, the monster rises from the very base of the levathan, and the ground is nearly level with the top of the hull.

There are even electric elevators for both passengers and mails. As to the electric light, there are over 5,000 lamps fed by 200 miles of cable. One novel feature is a kind of central inquiry bureau which may be rung up by any one of the thousands of passengers upon any matter on which information is desired. Is it a wonder that such a ship would require a strength of 70,000 horses to drive her across the ocean?

The wedding dress of Ellen poplin worn by Queen Alexandra on the occasion of her marriage, 44 years ago, and in which she first won the hearts of her future subjects, is still very carefully preserved by her majesty. This dress was chosen in compliment to Queen Victoria, who always had a love of lilac.

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